

The selfless aid of the Lao Veterans of America is a true testament to the cause of freedom around the world. While the causes of this tragic conflict may continue to be debated, I believe we can all agree that the sacrifices of the Laotian veterans and their families should not be forgotten, as we owe them a great debt of gratitude.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

##### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### A 6-MONTH PERIODIC REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN THAT WAS DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13067 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1997—A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 105

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

*To the Congress of the United States:*

As required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c) and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), I transmit herewith a 6-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 17, 2000.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1291. An act to prohibit the imposition of access charges on Internet service providers, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated.

H.R. 3646. An act for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees.

H.R. 4425. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following con-

current resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the Federal Government's responsibility for starting a destructive fire near Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The message further announced that the House has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, (H.R. 1654) to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for the fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. GORDON as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 301 of Public Law 104-1, the Chair announced on behalf of the Speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives and the majority and minority leaders of the United States Senate their joint appointment of Ms. Susan S. Robfogel of New York, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance, to fill the existing vacancy thereon.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276d, the Speaker has appointed the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. HOUGHTON of New York, Chairman, appointed on February 16, 2000: Mr. UPTON of Michigan, Mr. STEARNS of Florida, Mr. MANZULLO of Illinois, Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Ms. DANNER of Missouri.

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

H.R. 1377. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building."

S. 2370. An act to designate the Federal Building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse."

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 3363. An act for the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3646. An act for the relief of certain Persian Gulf evacuees; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding

the Federal Government's responsibility for starting a destructive fire near Los Alamos, New Mexico; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the first and second times, and placed on the Calendar.

H.R. 4425. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2557. A bill to protect the Energy Security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 2567. A bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact Assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 3709. An act to extend for 5 years the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act, and for other purposes.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, May 17, 2000, he had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 2370. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 500 Pearl Street in New York City, New York, as the "Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse."

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-8958. A communication from the Social Security Administration transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Addition of Medical Criteria for Evaluating Down Syndrome in Adults" (RIN0960-AF03), received May 15, 2000; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-8959. A communication from the Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a final rule entitled "Extension of Port Limits of Puget